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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Ken IDOTA, et al.

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Serial No.: 10/695,478

Group Art Unit: 2814

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Examiner: ANH D. MAI

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND FABRICATION METHOD THEREOF

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 31, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 2, 2005, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

Group I - Claims 1-6, 8 and 9, drawn to method of making; and

Group II - Claims 7, 10 and 11, drawn to semiconductor device.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-6, 8 and 9, for initial prosecution on the merits.

Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 7, 10 and 11, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

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Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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